

**Virginia Latino Advisory Board
Minutes
Friday, December 7, 2012
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Virginia War Memorial
621 S. Belvidere Street
Richmond, Virginia**

Action items to be completed by next meeting, January 11, 2013.

Michel:

- Check Waterford in Springfield vs. GMU
- Invite President of GMU to present welcoming remarks (depending on venue)
- Send invitations to speakers and panel members.

Alex and Demas:

- Social Networking: Webpage, Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Flyers
- Arranging lunch
- Programs
- Nametags
- Banner and logo for podium, etc.

Duane:

- Check with Governor's schedule.
- Get approval of agenda from Governor's Office.
- Check with policy for sending letters of invitation with VLAB and HCC logos.
- Talk with Jim Roman.

Karen Addison: Arrange for someone from Bill Hazel's office to speak (**Aleyda** will follow up with Karen.)

Session 1: Jimmy Rhee and Jorge Lozano

- Invite representatives from federal and state agencies for commerce, export/import banking, Inter-American Development Bank, DHS, DOD, Department of State, General Services Administration, EPA, Veteran's Administration, VDOT, DGS, Education etc.

Session 2:

- Debby will contact and informally invite panel members.

Session 3:

- Michel will contact and informally invite speakers.

Members Present: Aleyda Kasten, Jorge Lozano, Deborah Muñoz, Alex Vanegas, Michel Zajur; Kris Tilley-Lubbs,

Members Absent: Rosaura Aguerreberre, Beatriz Amberman, Desi Arnaiz, Charlotte Fritts, Víctor Gómez, Rene Cabral-Daniels, Elin Doval, Cecilia Martínez, Federico Morales, Flux Neo, Esteban Nieto, Laura Ramírez Drain, Omar Rashid, Jason Miyares, Gabe Rojas, Carmen Williams

Ex-Officio Members Present: Jimmy Rhee

Liaison with Governor's Office: Duane Stafford

Guests Present: Demas Boudreau, Karen Addison

Welcome and opening remarks: Michel called meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Since a quorum was not present as the meeting was called to order, the approval of minutes was postponed.

Karen Fornash, an expert in Early Childhood and Mental Health who works with Dr. Bill Hazel, Secretary of Health, provided an update from the Governor's Office on Health and Education Reform regarding the Governor's initiatives:

- How healthcare is delivered through Medicaid since states given option of increasing it to 200% of poverty level
- Developing a hybrid model with federal and state government collaboration to provide healthcare
- Seeking a better way to do things, in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, VA center for Health Innovation by educating consumers:
 - Transparency
 - Delivery of care
 - Early childhood- birth through school so children are ready to learn
 - Infant mortality rates rising in Latino community
 - Want children to be reading on level by third grade to set the tone for the rest of their education
 - Relationship of healthcare to education
 - Developing portal to check for eligibility for healthcare and other assistance
- Realizing the importance of education
 - Looking at teacher effectiveness
 - Different ways to evaluate teachers
 - Looking at different ways to measure teacher impact—meaningful progress measures
 - Adding kindergarten, which is currently not measured.
 - Looking at ways to reward teachers for extra effort
 - Looking for ways to improve and increase charter schools
 - Will send proposals for bills regarding healthcare to VLAB to seek endorsement

Next Meeting Date:

January 11, 2013, location TBA

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Tilley-Lubbs